Creation of Central Law Enforcement Agency (CLEA)

*150. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is afoot to create a Central Law Enforcement Agency (CLEA) in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the composition, functions and the tenure of the CLEA;

(c) whether the viewpoints of the different political parties and the various State Governments have been elicited with regard to this proposal and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the agency is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government of India have under examination the issue of setting up of a federal agency to deal with certain specified offences, which have inter-State and/or nationwide ramifications. The proposal has been discussed at different fora with the State Governments. This has been opposed by some States, on the ground that this could impinge on their sphere of responsibilities as maintenance of law and order is a State subject.

(d) The proposal is at a conceptual stage. Given the legal, constitutional and administrative aspects involved, it would be difficult to indicate a time frame for a final decision on this proposal.

Funds for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Kerala

*151. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any representation seeking more funds for 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the State-wise allotment of funds for the abovesaid programme?